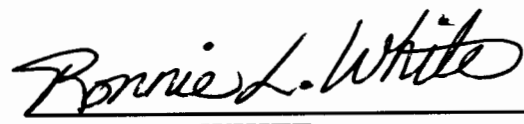


defendants, and there is additional work to do. The Court commends the parties for their efforts, but they have not provided the Court with factual support showing that “exceptional circumstances” exist that would require the extension. The term “expectational circumstances” is more than just words, and the Court will not grant such a long extension without a showing that something out of the ordinary or unexpected occurred. This litigation needs to move forward.

That being said, the Court is aware that some of the John Doe defendants have been identified since the last Complaint was filed, and it is Plaintiff’s intention to add these individuals as named defendants. The deadline to join additional parties and amend the pleadings expires today. The Court, therefore, will extend this deadline by one week.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties’ joint motion to amend the Case Management Order is **GRANTED, in part**. All motions for joinder of additional parties or amendment of pleadings shall be filed no later than **September 4, 2020**. In all other respects the motion is **DENIED**. [ECF No. 98]



RONNIE L. WHITE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated this 28th day of August, 2020.